

and the 22 years of remarkable service in the United States Army. May he know that this body and his Nation are proud of him.

TRIBUTE TO RON GREENSTEIN

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the significant achievements of a gentleman who has shown great leadership throughout the State of Florida, Representative Ron Greenstein, who will soon be completing his last term in the Florida Legislature.

Throughout his career, Representative Greenstein has stood out as a devoted supporter of environmental, health care, hunger and economic causes. He has championed issues for senior citizens, fought to protect Florida's water resources and advocated for the legislation of video lottery terminals. He displayed profound dedication to children's hunger causes with his 2004 IMAGINE specialty tag bill, which provided funding for food banks throughout the State, and his 2005 Children's Summer Nutrition Act, which drew down nearly \$104 million to implement summer feeding programs for disadvantaged children.

A passionate advocate of environmental reform, Representative Greenstein has served as Executive Director of the Broward County Resource Recovery Board, which promotes solid waste management, conservation of energy and recycling. He has recently been honored with the "Legislative Leadership Award" by the Florida Association of Food Banks and has been acknowledged as the "Favorite Legislator" by the Silver-Haired Legislature. An active and dedicated member of the South Florida community, Ron has served as Chairperson of the Broward Alliance and Broward County Welfare Reform Committee, and has held a position in the Board of Directors of the North Broward Chamber of Commerce and the SOS Children's Village in Broward County.

Today, I congratulate Representative Greenstein on his exemplary work and thank him for his unwavering commitment and determination throughout his career as an elected official of the State of Florida.

COAL-TO-LIQUID FUEL ENERGY ACT OF 2006

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, while other industrialized countries have embraced weaning themselves off imported oil by commercializing coal-to-liquid fuel technologies for transportation fuels, the United States has lagged behind in this endeavor as it has with other alternative fuels primarily due to the lack of will and the price of oil.

South Africa, for instance, at its Sasol facilities, is meeting 30 percent of its liquid fuel requirements through coal liquefaction using a technology originally developed in Germany

during the 1920s. Worldwide oil prices are now at a level that would make more attractive investments in large-scale coal-to-liquid fuel facilities in this country. However, as evident with other alternative fuels such as ethanol, federal incentives will be necessary in order to sustain this type of an effort over the long-term.

The "Coal-to-Liquid Fuel Energy Act of 2006" proposes to take an omnibus approach to the commercialization of coal liquefaction technology by stimulating the production, marketing, and use of coal-to-liquid fuels. The bill would:

Amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to explicitly make commercial coal-to-liquid fuel facilities eligible under that law's energy project loan guarantee program.

Establish a loan program within the Department of Energy to commercialize coal-to-liquid fuel facilities.

Authorize as the Energy Secretary deems appropriate the purchase of coal-to-liquid fuels for Strategic Petroleum Reserve purposes.

Extend through 2020 the availability of the alternative fuel excise tax credit for coal-to-liquid fuels authorized by the 2005 federal highway and transit reauthorization legislation (SAFETEA-LU).

HONORING ARNOLD B. GARDNER, ROOT-STIMSON AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Arnold B. Gardner, a determined and dedicated leader in the advancement of quality and accessible education, as the recipient of the Root-Stimson Award, presented recently by the New York State Bar Association for outstanding community service.

I can think of no one more deserving as Arnold Gardner for this prestigious award. Mr. Gardner is well-known for his volunteer service across the state and as a "champion of public education," according to Jeremiah J. McCarthy, president of the Erie County Bar Association.

Mr. Gardner is indeed a champion whose advocacy on behalf of public education spans almost four decades. From 1969–1977, he was a member and served as president of the Buffalo Board of Education. He was appointed to a statewide task force on teacher education and certification in the late 1970s.

In 1980, he was appointed to the Board of Trustees for SUNY during which time he served as a vice chairman. Following 19 years of service on the SUNY Board, he was elected to the New York State Board of Regents in 1999 where he oversees Kindergarten through 12th grade education, higher learning and professional practices. Re-elected in 2004, Mr. Gardner will remain a Regent until 2009.

Mr. Gardner's commitment to community service extends to his membership on the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute and the National Council of the American Jewish Committee where he served as National Vice President. He is also a Trustee of the New York State Archives Partnership Trust and previously served as a

member of the New York State Holocaust Memorial Commission. He was recognized in 1997 with the Meritorious Service Award from the New York State NAACP, and in 1988, he and his wife, attorney Sue Gardner, were honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Now, a senior partner at the Kavinoky Cook law firm, where he joined after he graduated from Harvard Law in 1953, Mr. Gardner continues to find a balance between his passion for both law and education. In addition to being regarded as one of the best corporate lawyers in the nation, he remains as a pioneer in advancing educational issues in Buffalo and New York State.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gardner provides us all with a model of how our convictions can extend into all facets of our lives—our career, family, community. A Life magazine article about Harvard Law School inspired Mr. Gardner to follow his dream of becoming a lawyer, but he didn't lose sight of his other passions—a passion for education and community service. On behalf of the Western New York community, I would like to congratulate Mr. Gardner and extend our best wishes to him and his entire family, for this outstanding achievement.

DEEP OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4761) to provide for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources on the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 4761.

Our country is facing a painful energy crisis as a result of the policies of this Administration and Congressional Leadership. The price of oil is as high as it has ever been, and the people in my district in North Carolina are suffering from these high energy prices. The American people desperately need effective new energy policies, but H.R. 4761 is simply more of the same failed solutions from the Republican majority in this body.

This legislation would override provisions in my State of North Carolina against offshore drilling, and eliminate a long-standing national moratorium on coastal drilling. I have never supported drilling off the Outer Continental Shelf that could threaten North Carolina's pristine beaches.

Instead of finding new solutions to our energy crisis, such as passing biofuels legislation that would encourage our farmers to grow our own fuel here at home, the Republican leadership chooses to put at risk the places all Americans hold dear.

Mr. Chairman, I will vote against H.R. 4761, and I urge my colleagues to vote against this bill.